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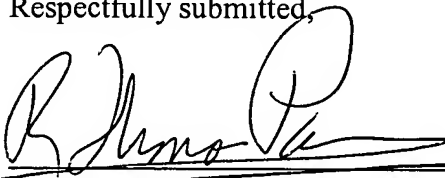
The subject application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/208,492, which is a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/553,982, which was originally filed with forty-two (42) claims that were subject to an election requirement. Of the original claims in parent application no. 09/533,982, Claims 1-6 and 9-21 were prosecuted and allowed. Original Claims 7, 8 and 22-42 were cancelled without prejudice during prosecution and filed as continuation application no. 10/208,492, along with new Claims 43-64.

Thus, new Claims 43-64, which are directed to a filter cartridge, have been added to the subject application and are presented herein for consideration. No new matter has been added to the subject application, as support for each of the pending claims is found throughout the written specification and drawings. Accordingly, early and favorable consideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

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